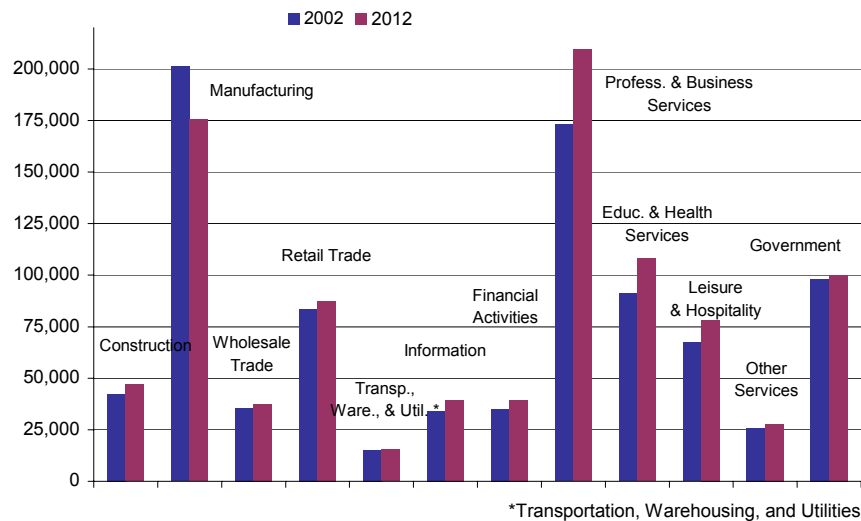


Santa Clara County Projection Highlights

Industry

Santa Clara County's nonfarm wage and salary employment is expected to grow modestly between 2002 and 2012, with an annual rate of less than one percent. The county's projected growth rate is half of California's rate, which is expected to grow at about 1.8 percent annually. Santa Clara's employment will increase by 63,500 new jobs and reach total employment of about 966,000 by 2012. Four major industries are expected to have a combined job growth that exceeds the county's growth as a whole. Professional and Business Services will add 36,200 new jobs, Educational and Health Services will increase by 17,100 jobs, Leisure and Hospitality will grow by 11,000 new jobs, and Information will add 5,400 jobs. Offsetting the major industry growth is the job loss in the Manufacturing sector. The industry is expected to lose nearly 26,000 jobs, with the concentration of loss in computer and electronic product manufacturing.

Below is a graph of the estimated 2002 and projected 2012 employment for major industries in Santa Clara County.



Occupations

Occupational projections for the period 2002 to 2012 forecast:

- Over 63,000 new jobs from industry growth,
- Nearly 208,000 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of about 271,000 job openings.

The 50 occupations with the most job openings will generate almost 55 percent of all job openings in Santa Clara County during the 2002-2012 period. These occupations are expected to generate almost 149,000 total job openings. The list is varied and ranges from Waiters and Waitresses with an \$8 median hourly wage to Engineering Managers earning more than \$68 per hour. Even the entry-level occupations' wages vary widely. Retail Salespersons, Cashiers, and Food Preparation Workers earn less than \$11 per hour while Office Clerks, Receptionists, and Electrical Assemblers earn more than \$14 per hour. Higher-skilled occupations such as Registered Nurses, Managers, Accountants, and Computer Software Engineers require an associate degree or higher and pay over \$30 per hour.

It is important to note that several occupations on this list, Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers, Team Assemblers, and Semiconductor Processors, have no new jobs from industry growth. However they are forecasted to have a substantial number of job openings due to the need to replace workers who leave the workforce.

Average Annual Job Openings by Education and Training Level

